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CARRYING MECHANISM

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 4, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. These amendments are based on the claims filed with the application including those amendments filed as Amended Sheets from the International Bureau for the 1st and 2nd Article 34 replacement sheets.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.